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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE TANZANIAN IMPORTS OF U.S. WHITE CORN AND
SUPPLY-USE DATA

REF: STATE 283392

1. FOLLOWING TANZANIAN MAIZE (CORN) DATA ARE ROUGH ESTIMATES
IN METRIC TONS FOR ALL MAIZE FOR OCTOBER 1974 TO SEPTEMBER
1975 INCLUSIVE:

OPENING STOCUS	97,500
IMPORTS	398,700
PURCHASES FROM 1975	150,000
TANZANIAN CROP	
TOTAL SUPPLY	646,200
CONSUMPTION	381,600
ENDING STOCKS	264,600

2. ABOVE DATA ARE ESTIMATES FOR OFFICIAL PURCHASES, IMPORTS,
SALES, AND STOCKS OF TANGOV PARASTATAL COMPANY, NATIONAL
MILLING CORPORATION. EXCLUDED ARE UNOFFICIAL TRANSACTIONS,
AND HOME OR LOCAL USE AND STOCKS ON FARMS OR IN VALLAGES
WHERE GROWN.

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3. MAIZE PRODUCTION IN TANZANIA ALMOST ENTIRELY WHITE MAIZE.

YELLOW MAIZE PRODUCTION NEGLIGIBLE. WHITE MAIZE STRONGLY PREFERRED BY CONSUMERS, BUT YELLOW MAIZE IMPORTED WHEN WHITE NOT AVAILABLE OR PRICE TOO HIGH (AS IN US TODAY).

4. TANZANIA HAS MADE FOLLOWING FIRM IMPORT COMMITMENTS FOR MAIZE FROM CURRENT U.S. CROP (OCTOBER 1974 TO SEPTEMBER 1975): WHITE MAIZE, 10,800 MT (ALREADY RECEIVED); YELLOW MAIZE, 79,200 MT (INCLUDING 20,000 MT OF TITLE II COMMODITIES USED AS MAIZE SUBSTITUTES.)

5. TOTAL FIRM IMPORT COMMITMENTS ALL MAIZE FROM ALL SOURCES, U.S. AND NON-U.S., TOTAL 183,700 MT SO FAR AND COVERS REQUIREMENTS THROUGH MARCH 1975 ONLY. BALANCE OF IMPORTS TO BE PROCURED CURRENT U.S. CROP YEAR (OCTOBER 1974 - SEPTEMBER 1975) TOTALS 215,000 MT.

6. TANZANIAN TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF WHITE MAIZE OVER PAST SIX YEARS (EXCLUDING CURRENT DROUGHT PERIOD) ESTIATED AT ROUGHLY 725,000 MT PER YEAR OF WHICH SUBSISTENCE USE AMOUNTS TO 525,000 TO 575,000 MT PER YEAR THUS MAKING AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL PURCHASE 150,000 TO 200,000 MT TO BE MILLED AND USED BY URBAN POPULATION. IN CURRENT DROUGHT PERIOD PRODUCTION HAS FALLEN TO ABOUT 350,000 MT. CONSEQUENTLY, TANZANIAN IS IMPORTING 350,000 - 400,000 MT PER YEAR OF WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE TO MEET CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS AND REBUILD STOCKS.

7. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT DUE TO INCREASED USE OF FERTILIZER, BETTER CULTIVATION METHODS, AND HIGHER GROWER PRICES (WHICH HAVE TRIPLED OVER PAST THREE YEARS) THE PRODUCTION/USE OF WHITE MAIZE MAY INCREASE TO OVER 1,000,000 MT BY 1980.

8. NO FIRM COMMITMENTS MADE SO FAR FOR IMPORTATION OF 215,000 MT NEEDED TO MEET IMPORT GOAL. IF IMPORTATION OF PORTION OF THIS IS FROM U.S. OR ARGENTINA, IT WILL BE YELLOW MAIZE. IF IMPORTS ARE FROM NEIGHBORING AFRICAN COUNTRIES THEY WILL BE WHITE MAIZE.

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